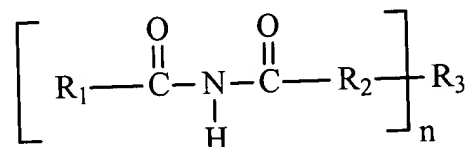


**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

**The paragraph beginning at page 11, line 10 is amended as follows:**

A specific polyimide of the present invention is a compound of the formula



wherein

n is 2 to about 1,000;

each ~~R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub>~~ R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> is independently (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>)alkenyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)cycloalkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>)alkyl (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)cycloalkyl, (C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)aryl, (C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)heteroaryl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>)alkyl (C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)aryl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>)alkyl (C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)heteroaryl, (C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)aryl (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)heteroaryl (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>)alkyl, or (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)cycloalkyl (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>)alkyl;

wherein any alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl can optionally be substituted with one or more (e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4) halo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, hydroxy, nitro, C(=O)OR<sub>6</sub>, wherein R<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>)alkyl, or NR<sub>7</sub>R<sub>8</sub>, wherein each R<sub>7</sub> and R<sub>8</sub> are independently hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>)alkyl; and

wherein any alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl is optionally interrupted with one or more (e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4) oxo, thio, sulfonyl, or sulfinyl;

or a suitable salt thereof.